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Gentlemen:

I have been a professional web developer for 5 years. During this time I have used both Netscape and Internet Explorer. Netscape contends that Internet Explorer has gained the advantage by bundling their browser with their operating system.

However, as a developer I must disagree. Netscape is simply an inferior product. Designers world-wide are constantly having to re-write good code simply to accommodate the unusual characteristics encountered with the way Netscape displays. New technologies such as layers are not recognized by Netscape. As such, a perfectly acceptable design looks great in IE, but is not nearly as robust in Netscape. Some developers have simply given up on Netscape and now generate code designed only for IE, with a note on the page reading "best viewed with IE" or "not compatible with Netscape". Trying to accomodate Netscape's shortcomings is costing companies large sums of money in wasted time and effort to support a poorly designed product.

It is not my intent to comment on the balance of the lawsuit as a whole, rather my opinion that Netscape was an inferior product several years ago, and their newest version is even worse. The browser war was simply won by the company with the best product.

Sincerely,

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